

**HIT Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, July 30, 2010  
1401 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 300 Victory Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Facilitator: Ray Scott, MSW, Arkansas State HIT Coordinator**

**Chairman: Joseph W. Thompson, MD, MPH Surgeon General, State of Arkansas**

**EC members present**

Jean Block  
Jerry Bradshaw  
Herschel Cleveland  
Tom Harbuck  
John Selig  
David Wroten

**Observers present**

Jonathan Fuchs	Sip Mouden
Eugene Gessow	Jerry Pack
Kevin Gorman	Jennifer Pagan
Drenda Harkins	Kym Patterson
Kathryn Hazelett	Melissa St. Clair
Chris Holmes	Bruce Thomasson
Mary Leath	Hannah Vogler
Jason Lee	

**Meeting notes**

- Meeting was called to order by Ray Scott at 11:00 AM.
- Mr. Scott reviewed the agenda and provided an update about the Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT), including staffing and consulting decisions. He invited members to visit the OHIT website for their updated contact information.
- Next, Mr. Scott reviewed recent ONC guidance on strategic and operational plans.
  - ONC guidance has recently changed. The PIN document clarified and modified some of the original guidance in the funding opportunity announcement (FOA).
    - OHIT would like to work collaboratively with the Regional Extension Centers (RECs), Medicaid and the Beacon Communities to fulfill these new requirements.
    - The deadline to submit the strategic and operational plans to ONC is August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- After discussing the new guidance from ONC, Mr. Scott discussed the revised draft of the strategic plan and Appendix D.

- Mr. Scott explained that the planning phase for the AR HIE project is scheduled to end August 31<sup>st</sup>. However, planning will continue as ONC reviews the strategic and operational plans. The ONC has not published a timeframe within which they will review and respond to states. Once the state plans are approved, funding from planning phase will roll into the implementation phase (the 90/10 match phase takes effect in October 2010).
  - He further clarified that this meeting is purely informational. Comments, questions, concerns are welcome. Feedback will be requested with regard to the operational plan in the near future. Turn around time for input on the operational plan will be quick.
- Mr. Scott opened the floor for discussion and responded to questions regarding the plan's governance model, financing and timelines.
- Following the discussion of the strategic plan, Mr. Scott provided an update on the transition process from the HIT Executive Committee to the HIE Council.
  - The governor's office is considering nominations from the HIT Executive Committee for the HIE Council. OHIT is hopeful that appointments will be made by the end of August.
- Next, Sam Walls gave an update about Connect Arkansas' efforts with broadband and the HIE project.
- Eugene Gessow (Medicaid) and Jonathan Fuchs (Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care—AFMC) then provided members with an update on the meaningful use final rule.
- Mr. Gessow also gave a Medicaid update.
- Mr. Fuchs reviewed recent activity with the REC project.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

#### **Action Items**

- Meeting times will likely change in the future. OHIT's federal grant does not cover food expenses.
- Future agendas will contain updates about health care reform and other collaborative efforts between Medicaid, REC, Beacon Communities and OHIT.
- OHIT will send the HIT Executive Committee the operational plan in the near future and will request quick responses, comments and feedback.
- Jerry Bradshaw will help populate Appendix D with regard to self-insured entities and number of providers in the state.